

METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR RETRIEVING
INFORMATION OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0077] A method for retrieving information is provided. The method uses a server system coupled to a centralized database and at least one client system. The method includes selecting an object from an electronic document displayed on a client system, displaying a function menu on the client system to prompt a user to select a desired function, transmitting the selected object and a selected function from the client system to the server system, processing the selected object by applying the selected function at the server system, communicating with a vendor web server to complete the processing of the selected object, and transmitting at least one of a resulting web page and other output to the client system.